

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute Replacement Sheets 1/7, 2/7, 4/7, 5/7, 6/7 and 7/7 for original sheets, respectively, 1/7, 2/7 and 4/7-7/7. The replacement sheets are provided in the enclosed Appendix, and these Replacement Sheets amend Figs. 1-3 and 7-14 to correct the time scale along the abscissa in each of the respective drawing figures.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their specification in order to correct the number of the cited European patent application. The cited European patent application is being submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement being filed concurrently herewith; and is a family member of Japanese Patent Document No. 2002-521463, submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed upon originally filing the above-identified application and which was cited in the International Search Report for International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2004/004758, filed April 1, 2004, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage application filed under 35 USC 371. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment of the specification does not add new matter to the application.

Applicants have amended their drawing figures in order to provide correct time scales for Figs. 1-3 and 7-14 of the above-identified application. It is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would have known, as of the filing date of the above-identified application, that the time scales in the original drawing figures now being amended were incorrect, with the presently amended time scales being correct in light of the original disclosure in the above-identified application. In this regard, attention is respectfully directed to the paragraph bridging pages 28 and 29 of Applicants' specification; also compare Figs. 1-3, with Fig. 4. Note also Figs. 7-14, together with the description in the paragraph bridging pages 32 and 33, and the first full paragraph on page 33, of Applicants' specification.

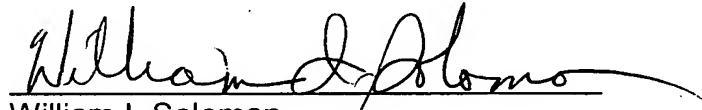
It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the drawing figures do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments to the specification and entry of the presently submitted Replacement Sheets, prior to examination of the above-identified application, are respectfully requested.

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Enclosures: Appendix (Replacement Sheets, 6 pp.)

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